(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted permission to non-scheduled airlines to operate in the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, the names of airlines who have been accorded permission, with the equity base of each airlines; and

(c) the number of applications which are pending as on 31.1.2005 with Government for approval alongwith the names of airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) For operating the non-schedule airline in the country, non-scheduled operators permit is being issued, as per the guidelines contained in Civil Aviation Requirement Section 3 Series C Part III. During the last one year, nine non-scheduled operators permit have been issued in respect of M/s. HAL Rotary Wing Academy, Bharat Hotels Ltd., Madhya Pradesh Flying Club Ltd., Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, Prem Air, Summit Aviation, Aviators India Pvt. Ltd., SRC Aviation Pvt. Ltd. and India Flysafe Aviation Ltd. As per norms, all the airlines have a minimum subscribed equity of Rs. 1.00 crore each.

(c) As on 31.1.2005 four applications for grant of No Objection Certificate for operation of Non-scheduled air transport services were pending viz:

(i) M/s. Trig Air Services Pvt. Ltd.

(ii) M/s. Spencers Travel Services Pvt. Ltd.

(iii) M/s. Dhillon Aviation Pvt. Ltd.

(iv) M/s. First Flight Couriers Pvt. Ltd.

Airports under construction

2182. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports constructed/under construction in the country to provide air connectivity to all important cities; and

(b) the details thereof alongwith the financial allocation made for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Since 1987-88, Airports Authority of

India has constructed seven new airports at a cost of Rs. 74.15 crores. In addition airports have been constructed at Lengpui in Mizoram and Tura in Meghalaya by the respective State Governments. Cochin, in Kerala and Puttaparthy in Andhra Pradesh have been constructed by private participation. Government of India has not provided financial allocation for these private airports. Two greenfield airports are under construction at Devanhalli near Bangalore and Shamshabad near Hyderabad. The tentative cost of these airports are around Rs. 1300 crores each. Airports Authority of India have contributed 13% equity in the project with a cap of Rs. 50 crores each.

Panel on Management of Airports

2183. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a high powered panel of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary to deal with all non-financing and non-aviation issues like acquisition of land, access, power supply, security, custom clearnace, visas and passports in connection with management of airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the panel has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted by the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) A proposal for setting up of a National Facilitation Committee under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary is under consideration of the Government. However, the Committee of Secretaries under Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary meet from time to time to address the issues such as immigration etc. and take appropriate decision.

Airports Megaplan

2184. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: